

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 1, line 6 through page 1, line 13 with the following rewritten paragraphs.

TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a reciprocating seal used, for example, for a shock absorber.

BACKGROUND ART OF THE INVENTION

A reciprocating seal of this kind has been conventionally known that is used for a shock absorber mounted in an automobile and the like.

Please replace the line beginning at page 4, line 18, with the following rewritten line.

DISCLOSURE SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 8 through page 6, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph.

~~BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION~~ DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 27 through page 10, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph.

Further, the plurality of protrusions 34 are so constructed as to ~~extent~~ extend in the direction of the shaft.